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PENCE ANNOUNCES PROPOSED FUNDING FOR SIXTH DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Washington, Mar 30, 2004 - WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence announced today that the Transportation Equity Act, to be considered by the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday, includes \$8 million in funding for transportation and infrastructure projects in Indiana's sixth congressional district.

The proposed funding includes:

\$2 million for an 8.9-mile frontage road parallel to Interstate 69 in Anderson. This project will provide an opportunity for economic development and reduce congestion.

\$1 million to reduce street width and build pedestrian islands around the campus of Anderson University. This project will also address significant pedestrian safety concerns.

\$2 million to extend the Cardinal Greenway recreational trail in Richmond, Indiana.

\$640,000 to relieve congestion at the intersection of Chadham Lane and SR 332 in Muncie. Economic, environmental and safety benefits are to result.

\$960,000 to widen Wheeling Avenue in Muncie to five lanes in order to ease congestion and enhance safety. Economic benefits are also expected to result as congestion is eased.

\$650,000 for State Road 332/Nebo Road to correct visibility problems and sharp grade changes that have contributed to high accident rates.

\$600,000 to modernize traffic signals throughout Muncie, reduce congestion, enhance the economy and ease air pollution.

\$150,000 for a railroad relocation study of approximately two miles of railroad in Muncie to eliminate in-town crossing, thus enhancing safety and reducing congestion.

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